

Levelling System Comparison Chart

All comparisons are approximate. Background knowledge, interest and teaching will affect the level of difficulty of a book for any given student.

This list is intended to help you match materials from different sources. **It is not intended to be used to determine report card marks.** It is also important to remember that as students become proficient silent readers, precise levels and running records become less informative.

Classroom Levels		Standardized Assessment Tools	
Guided Reading <u>Letter</u> (based on Fountas and Pinnell book levelling criteria)	Guided Reading <u>Colour</u> (based on PM book levelling criteria)	PM Benchmark Assessment Level*	Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) level**
A	Magenta (Starters 1)	1	1
B	Magenta (Starters 2)	2	2
C	Red	3-4	3
D	Red/Yellow	5-6	4
E	Yellow	7-8	6-8
F	Blue	9-10	10
G	Blue/Green	11-12	12
H	Green	13-14	14
I	Orange	15-16	16
J	Turquoise	17-18	18
K	Purple	19-20	20
L	Gold	21	24
M	Gold	22	28
N	Silver	23	30
O	Silver	24	34
P	Emerald	25	38
Q	Emerald	26	39
R	Ruby	27	40

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